

House Resolution 1506

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Glanton of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, and Mabra of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Darlene Beale-Norris; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Darlene Beale-Norris is a successful entrepreneur who has served young
3 girls for over 20 years, organizing and facilitating youth sports programs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Darlene developed a love for the game
5 of basketball; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Darlene played basketball professionally in Spain and France, and her
7 accomplishments have led to her induction into the Howard University Sports Hall of Fame
8 and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1996, she was chosen second in charge of basketball as the Deputy
10 Competition Manager for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and in 1997, she started
11 Leadership and Development of our Youth in Sports, which is known as LADYS, Inc.; and
- 12 WHEREAS, LADYS, Inc., is committed to empowering young girls spiritually,
13 academically, and athletically by developing educational and scholastic programs that
14 increase young girls' participation in sports and physical fitness; and
- 15 WHEREAS, for her work with LADYS, Inc., Darlene received two proclamations from the
16 Clayton County Board of Commissioners, the Lewis Hines National Award for recognition
17 of outstanding service on behalf of children and youth for National Child Labor Committee,
18 and the WNBA Atlanta Dream Women of Inspiration Award, and she was a finalist for the
19 Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Business Woman of the Year; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she holds a BBA from Howard University and an MS in sports management,
21 an MBA, and an MAT from the University of West Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Darlene is a public school educator in the DeKalb County school system where
23 she teaches business education at the middle school level and coaches the school's basketball
24 team; and

25 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband of 25 years, Melvin, and they
26 are blessed with two remarkable children, Malachi and Micah; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Darlene Beale-Norris for her
31 remarkable accomplishments and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health
32 and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.
35 Darlene Beale-Norris.